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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re of the Application of

Stephen Michnick

Serial Number: 09/870,018

Filed: May 31, 2001

For: A PROTEIN FRAGMENT
COMPLEMENTATION ASSAY (PCA) FOR THE
DETECTION OF PROTEIN-PROTEIN,
PROTEIN-SMALL MOLECULE AND PROTEIN-
NUCLEIC INTERACTIONS BASED ON THE
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ATT: BOX AF

Group Art Unit: 1634

Examiner: Jeffrey Norman Fredman

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 14, 2004

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Box AF
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the outstanding final Office Action dated July 14, 2004, and further to the courteous interview granted by Examiner Fredman on July 22, 2004, reconsideration of the present application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

No claim amendments are being made at this time accordingly a new listing and status of claims is not required.

The Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.